

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE DUAL ADMISSION ARTICULATION  
AGREEMENT WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE, PALATINE,  
ILLINOIS**

and

**AUGUSTANA COLLEGE, ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between Augustana College (Augustana), a not for corporation located at 639-38<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island, Illinois and William Rainey Harper College (Harper), a public community college located at 1200 West Algonquin Road, Palatine, Illinois.

**A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

There are many pathways from students' days in school that transpire into a meaningful, satisfying early adulthood. The purpose of this Agreement is to help clarify one such pathway that might be compelling for many bright, fiscally cautious students. It provides students entering Harper College a way to envision the possibility of completing both an Associate and a Bachelor's degree and provides them the guidance and support needed to pursue that goal. Research literature and experiences with students resulted in the structuring of the Agreement around three values:

- Clarity: students should be able to see all of the steps and where they might lead
- Predictability: students should have confidence that no surprise requirements will emerge
- Transparency: students should know they have easy access to informed, supportive guidance throughout.

Harper College wishes to provide student instruction leading to an Associate of Arts degree (AA) degree that will enable their enrolled students the opportunity to transfer to Augustana College to earn a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree.

Augustana College has an accredited program to offer BA degrees and wishes to provide students enrolled at Harper the opportunity to dual enroll at Augustana College.

The parties, in consideration of the terms, conditions and covenants, mutual or otherwise, as set forth in this Agreement, agree to provide Harper students the opportunity to access and complete a Bachelor of Arts Degree program at Augustana College, under the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

**B. GENERAL TERMS**

1. Students applying for admission to the Associate of Arts program at Harper may simultaneously apply to Augustana College (Dual Application). There is no additional fee for Dual Application at Augustana College. Application to Augustana does not obligate the student who applies for Dual Application (Dual Applicant) to attend Augustana or limit their ability to apply to other schools.
2. Dual Application is not available to students seeking Associate of Science (AS) or Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees at Harper.
3. Dual Applicants shall:

- a. Receive an Augustana **student identification card**, which will give the Dual Applicant an Augustana email address and will allow access to the College's library, library databases, campus facilities, sporting and cultural events.
- b. Receive access to **program evaluation software**, which will allow Dual Applicants to run "what if?" simulations for every Augustana major at each step in their college career.
- c. Receive advising services from an **Augustana academic advisor** who will be available to meet with Dual Applicants once each semester, virtually or at Augustana.
- d. Receive advising services from an **Augustana faculty major advisor** with whom they can meet once each semester at the Augustana College campus or remotely through an accepted communication platform.
- e. Receive the opportunity to immediately complete Augustana's **language proficiency exam**.
- f. Be eligible to enroll in **two (2) four-credit courses** offered by Augustana at a discounted tuition rate, currently \$175 per credit. The same rate applies to courses in-person and online during Augustana's summer term.

### C. ACADEMIC TERMS

1. Students earning an Associate of Arts degree at Harper College will meet academic requirements for admission to Augustana College. Admitted and enrolled Dual Applicants will be eligible to enroll in junior-level courses, though they would still have to meet individual course prerequisites. Courses taken by Dual Applicants at Harper to receive their Associate of Arts degree completed with a grade of "C" or higher may be considered for transfer of credit at Augustana. Augustana will evaluate courses not included in the General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) or without an Illinois Transfer Initiative (IAI) code for transfer eligibility based on an official transcript from Harper.
2. Students may follow "transfer pathways" into an Augustana major that will outline Harper courses approved by Augustana for credit towards a BA degree from Augustana and approved to satisfy certain disciplinary prerequisite courses for a major at Augustana.
3. Students earning an Associate of Arts degree will be deemed to have completed Augustana's first-year inquiry and learning perspective (LP) general education requirements. They will still be responsible for meeting all of Augustana's academic requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree. Those currently include:
  - a. Completion of at least 124 total academic credits with a 2.00 grade point average.

- b. Completion of at least one academic major with a 2.00 grade point average in their major.
- c. Completion of general education requirements not automatically fulfilled by completion of their Associate degree. Those additional requirements are:
  - One course examining cultural diversity (designated in Augustana's catalog with the suffix D)
  - One course examining global diversity (suffix G).
  - Reasoned Examination of Faith (REF) requirement.
  - Health and Physical Education (PEA) activity requirement.
  - Second language, which may be completed through four years of high school study of a single language, completion of one year of college study in a language, or proficiency examination.
  - The requirement to complete at least 40 credits of upper-division (300-400 level) coursework and a Senior Inquiry experience at Augustana.
4. Upon completion of an appropriate release form and within 10 days of receipt of final grades, Augustana College will send end-of-semester student transcripts to Harper College for reverse transfer of Augustana credits to Harper College for participating students.
5. Augustana College will maintain timely communication with Harper College regarding attendance, course drops or withdrawals, and retention alerts of Dual Applicants.

#### **D. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION**

For the purpose of this agreement, Augustana College grants to Harper College, and Harper College grants to Augustana College, permission to use, display, reproduce, and publish, without compensation, each other's trademarks and other promotional and branding materials for the sole purpose of informing interested parties of the institutional partnership between Augustana and Harper on websites, cobranded web portals, and in-print marketing publications.

Each party may provide to the other an electronic version of the branding and promotional materials for the use permitted by this agreement. Each party represents and warrants that it possesses all rights necessary for the granting of the permissions set forth in this agreement.

Each institution shall have the opportunity to review in advance any information, including but not limited to, websites, cobranded web portals, and in-print marketing publications. Each institution reserves the right to terminate, suspend, or reject the other party's use or proposed use of that institution's intellectual property.

#### **E. ACCREDITATION**

Harper College and Augustana College will ensure that they maintain accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accrediting body and ensure that all operations will be in keeping with accreditation requirements of the two institutions.

**F. DURATION AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

Harper College and Augustana College agree that this Agreement shall be in force on the date of the Agreement is signed by both parties and will terminate on May 31, 2023. This Agreement will automatically renew for a one-year term, but in no event will this Agreement renew beyond May 31, 2027, without written agreement of the parties. At any time, a party may terminate this Agreement with three (3) months in advance written notice. If such notice is given, the parties will collaborate to offer a teach-out plan for any students enrolled on or before the termination of this Agreement.

Harper College and Augustana College reserve the right to revise or eliminate programs and courses. Such changes will be communicated to the appropriate parties. This Agreement will be reviewed as needed and may be modified by mutual, written agreement of both parties.

**G. NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT/EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR HARPER COLLEGE**

William Rainey Harper College prohibits discrimination against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability or unfavorable discharge from military service.

The claimant(s) or witnesses to the incident should contact the office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and/or submit an online referral.

**H. NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT/EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUGUSTANA COLLEGE**

Augustana College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, gender expression, disability, or age in its educational programs and work environment. Inquiries regarding the College's non-discrimination policies may be forwarded to the Director of Human Resources.


Agreed to by and between:

  
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Dr. MaryAnn Janosik, Provost  
William Rainey Harper College

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Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_ 11/17/2023

Dr. Wendy Hilton-Morrow, Provost  
Augustana College

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Date